

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2004 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 89 new fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Northern California, Southern California and Rocky Mountain Areas. Two large fires were contained, one each in Northern California and Rocky Mountain Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 9/4 for Hurricane Frances in Florida. An Area Command Team and six Type 1 Incident Management Teams are assigned to support recovery efforts. Additional resources have been mobilized as part of the relief effort, including aviation assets, mobile caterers and showers, national buying teams, and miscellaneous overhead personnel. The National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service are conducting damage assessments and recovery efforts in National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges throughout Florida. Five Florida State Teams (Hill, Crane, Beauchamp, Graham and Jones) are assigned in Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties, and the city of Orlando, FL. One Georgia State Incident Management Team (Kline) is assigned in Lakeland, FL.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:**

HURRICANE FRANCES, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). An Area Command Team (Mann) has been assigned to the FEMA Disaster Field Office in Orlando, FL. Five Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Kearney, Vail, Oltrogge, Whitney and Studebaker) have been assigned to Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Homestead, West Palm Beach, Ocala and Lakeland, FL. The teams assigned in Ocala, Lakeland and Jacksonville Naval Air Station are supporting receiving, inventory and distribution centers. One Type 1 Incident Management Team (McCombs) is staged in Atlanta, GA.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

RUNWAY, San Bernardino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) is assigned. This fire is 17 miles northwest of San Bernardino, CA in grass and brush. Moderate burning was observed within the perimeter, with occasional hot spots reported.

TRIMMER, Sierra National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Rios) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles northeast of Fresno, CA in oak woodlands and grass. Rapid rates of spread were observed in light fuels.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RUNWAY	CA	BDF	1,007	65	9/9	874	21	94	5	0	575K
TRIMMER	CA	SNF	125	90	9/9	333	8	34	5	1	NR

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

DOLCINI, Marin County Fire Department. This fire is seven miles southwest of Petaluma, CA in chaparral. Marshall Petaluma Road was temporarily closed. No further information was reported.

BLUFF, Lassen Volcanic National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Weldon) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, is located ten miles northwest of Chester, CA in timber, and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Lower relative humidity levels and poor relative humidity recovery continue to influence fire behavior. Wind driven fire behavior was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DOLCINI	CA	MRN	360	75	9/9	160	5	20	0	0	NR
BLUFF – WFU	CA	LNP	2,628	N/A	N/A	140	2	0	2	0	658K
GEYSERS	CA	LNU	12,525	100	---	1,975	40	119	12	13	8M

LNU = California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit

## ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Alaska Division of Forestry, Tok Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Sunny, dry and cool conditions along with low humidity levels continue to influence fire behavior. Creeping and isolated torching were observed in areas of jack-straw timber, primarily on the Billy Creek and Porcupine fires.

CAMP CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Delta Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK in black spruce and white spruce. Smoldering and creeping within the fire perimeter occurred.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,305,252	NR	10/1	274	9	5	4	6	14.6M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	175,315	65	9/30	221	6	1	4	3	6.2M

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NORTH SOUTH	SD	PRA	307	100	---	30	0	5	1	0	NR

PRA = Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pine Ridge Agency

## OUTLOOK:

**Fire Weather Watch:** For parts of far northwestern Nevada for winds and low relative humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will keep much of the West in clear and warm conditions through the day. Temperatures will again push up well above normal, especially in southern California. Also, the remnants of hurricane Frances will move into the New England States, causing heavy rains. In Alaska, conditions will remain seasonable and dry. Hurricane Ivan will approach the southeast coast of Jamaica overnight tonight.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Fair except patchy high clouds at times near Oregon, and increased fog along the north coast.	From 60s to 80 near the coast, with upper 80s to 90s in warmest inland areas.	9 to 19% in drier inland locations.	Southwest to northwest winds increasing to 8 to 18 mph gusts, 30 mph over exposed terrain from Cascade/ Sierra eastward in the afternoon.
<b>ALASKA AREA</b> <b>Eastern Interior:</b> Mostly sunny.	<b>Eastern Interior:</b> Upper 40s to low 60s.	<b>Eastern Interior:</b> 22 to 32%.	<b>Eastern Interior:</b> Southwest to southeast up to 10 mph.
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Partly cloudy. <b>Northern Utah:</b> Partly cloudy. Isolated dry thunderstorms over mountains. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Partly cloudy. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms mainly over mountains.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 60 to 75 mountains, 75 to 90 valleys. <b>Northern Utah:</b> 72 to 84 mountains, 82 to 94 valleys. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 73 to 85 mountains, 85 to 105 valleys, except 102 to 108 Lake Mead area.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 18 to 30% mountains, 10 to 18% valleys. <b>Northern Utah:</b> 12 to 21% mountains, 6 to 18% valleys. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 15 to 22% mountains, 6 to 16% valleys.	<b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> West to southwest 5 to 15 mph with gusts to 40 mph possible western Wyoming mountains. <b>Northern Utah:</b> Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph. <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> <b>Central California:</b> Sunny <b>Southern California:</b> Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms.	85 to 95 coastal areas. 80 to 95 mountains. 95 to 105 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 100 to 110 lower deserts.	<b>Central California:</b> 5 to 15%. <b>Southern California:</b> 20 to 35%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Light rain becoming possible western Washington and northern Oregon coast. Partly cloudy elsewhere.	Lower 60s western Washington to near 90 southwest Oregon. Generally 70s and 80s east of the Cascades.	West of Cascades: 60 to 75% except near 25% Southwest Oregon interior. Eastside: Generally 15 to 25%.	Generally southwest to northwest 8 to 12 mph. Stronger gusts through the Columbia River Gorge.

<p><b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny and warm, gusty breezes across the north. Slight chance for a thunderstorm across the south.</p>	<p>North valleys: 85 to 95. South valleys: 90 to 108. Mountains: 75 to 90.</p>	<p>North valleys: 4 to 12%. North mountains: 4 to 12%. South valleys: 9 to 18%. South mountains: 13 to 21%.</p>	<p>Southwest to west at 5 to 20 mph, gusts 25 to 35 mph across the north, south to southwest winds across the south at 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p><b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Dry.</p>	<p>Highs in the mid 80s to lower 90s, with upper 60s and 70s mountains.</p>	<p>Below 20% much of Colorado and Wyoming into the high plains.</p>	<p>10 to 20 mph western and southern Wyoming into northwest Colorado, and the plains of Kansas and Nebraska.</p>
<p><b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b> <b>Idaho &amp; MT West of Divide:</b> Scattered/Isolated rain showers  <b>MT East of Divide &amp; North Dakota:</b> Partly cloudy.</p>	<p><b>Idaho &amp; MT West of Divide:</b> 70s. <b>MT East of Divide:</b> 70s north, 80s south.  <b>North Dakota:</b> 80s west, 70s east.</p>	<p><b>Idaho &amp; MT West of Divide:</b> 30 to 40%. <b>MT East of Divide:</b> 25 to 35% north, 15 to 25% south. <b>North Dakota:</b> 25 to 35% west. 40 to 50% east.</p>	<p><b>Idaho &amp; MT West of Divide:</b> South to west 5 to 10 mph. <b>MT East of Divide:</b> Southwest 5 to 15 mph. <b>North Dakota:</b> South 5 to 10 mph.</p>



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **DOWNHILL FIRELINE CONSTRUCTION CHECKLIST**

Downhill fireline construction is hazardous in steep terrain, fast-burning fuels, or rapidly changing weather. Downhill fireline construction should not be attempted unless there is no tactical alternative. When building downhill fireline, the following is required:

- Crew supervisor(s) and fireline overhead will discuss assignments prior to committing crew(s). Responsible overhead individual (TFLD or ICT4 qualified or better) will stay with job until completed.
- Decision will be made after proposed fireline has been scouted by supervisor(s) of involved crew(s).
- LCES will be coordinated for all personnel involved.
  - Crew supervisor(s) is in direct contact with lookout who can see the fire.
  - Communication is established between all crews.
  - Ensure rapid access to safety zone(s) in case fire crosses below crew(s).
- Direct attack will be used whenever possible; if not possible, the fireline should be completed between anchor points before being fired out.
- Fireline will not lie in or adjacent to a chute or chimney.
- Starting point will be anchored for crew(s) building fireline down from the top.
- Bottom of the fire will be monitored; if the potential exists for the fire to spread, action will be taken to secure the fire edge.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		2		3
	ACRES			10		3		13
Northwest	FIRES		1			5	1	7
	ACRES		0			3	0	3
Northern California	FIRES					18	6	24
	ACRES					34	0	34
Southern California	FIRES		2			14	7	23
	ACRES		0			7	126	133
Northern Rockies	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1	1	4
	ACRES		15			1	1	17
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES					3	2	5
	ACRES					3	0	3
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Eastern Area	FIRES				1	5		6
	ACRES				1	3		4
Southern Area	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					43		43
TOTAL	FIRES	0	7	1	1	59	21	89
	ACRES	0	17	10	1	97	127	252

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	79	18	469	22	652
	ACRES	6,109	1,192,677	1,841,042	29,121	3,254,275	5	6,323,229
Northwest	FIRES	339	299	37	62	1,621	1,220	3,578
	ACRES	22,657	4,622	880	258	17,247	74,566	120,230
Northern California	FIRES	112	87	12	19	2,323	890	3,443
	ACRES	147	8,894	43	481	51,238	9,642	70,445
Southern California	FIRES	36	108	20	46	2,640	700	3,550
	ACRES	668	6,005	1,867	29	65,635	10,346	84,550
Northern Rockies	FIRES	944	71	19	13	774	841	2,662
	ACRES	5,468	1,470	1,062	4	18,138	11,076	37,218
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	56	761	6	44	519	679	2,065
	ACRES	528	40,398	11	57	7,185	47,241	95,420
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	601	11	17	96	141	882
	ACRES	340	21,920	2,665	51	7,856	8,112	40,944
Southwest	FIRES	701	143	5	75	657	1,589	3,170
	ACRES	5,192	5,658	201	514	7,000	281,925	300,490
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	331	460	36	47	429	440	1,743
	ACRES	5,259	4,998	1,273	37	23,955	8,037	43,559
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	30	7,587	470	8,629
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	110	57,077	5,654	70,285
Southern Area	FIRES	131		63	43	24,867	582	25,686
	ACRES	15,821		15,112	3,467	320,761	73,419	428,580
TOTAL	FIRES	3,167	2,588	335	414	41,982	7,574	56,060
	ACRES	67,298	1,286,642	1,866,491	34,129	3,830,367	530,023	7,614,950

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>63,633</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,442,724</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1	2				3
	ACRES		38	126				164
Northern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				1,250			1,250
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			40			18	58
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES			1	1			2
	ACRES			1,500	150			1,650
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		25					25
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						470	470
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						155	155
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			422			22	444
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	5	1	0	8	15
	ACRES	0	63	2,088	1,400	0	665	4,216

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		33,000			22,901		55,901
Northwest	FIRES	38	85	54	1		262	440
	ACRES	7,626	11,755	4,707	30		58,329	82,447
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	97	18		183	351
	ACRES	251	731	14,164	4,080		22,617	41,843
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1,686	718		6,213	8,644
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	76	3	45	377	546
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,584	1,046	3,066	42,679	63,891
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	4	4	18	48	98
	ACRES	149	12,452	2,047	1,252	1,490	18,115	35,505
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9	5			5	19
	ACRES		1,763	541			971	3,275
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	12		331	379
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	9,026		79,378	109,888
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	41	163	18	12	117	393
	ACRES	5,117	12,351	23,592	13,664	3,947	45,910	104,581
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		371	23	1,075	196	1,692
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,725	28,353	164,858
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	78	393	1,131	1,857
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	74,152	212,745	999,761	1,387,012
TOTAL	FIRES	224	225	1,001	167	1,548	2,726	5,891
	ACRES	42,204	79,556	207,474	108,411	317,874	1,302,326	2,057,845

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				62,266			62,266
Northwest	FIRES				5		8	13
	ACRES				200		1,745	1,945
Northern California	FIRES				10		3	13
	ACRES				995		0	995
Southern California	FIRES				11		2	13
	ACRES				4,453		222	4,675
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	45	46
	ACRES				0	10	11,203	11,213
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12		2			14
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		25	34
	ACRES				1,705		13,003	14,708
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		25	3	2	0	5	35
	ACRES		6,996	295	0	2,271	612	10,174
Eastern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				1,436		1	1,437
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	37	3	62	0	152	254
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	74,062	2,281	29,196	113,323

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	5	0	2,326	224,526
Yukon Territory	0	0	273	1,843,260
Alberta	10	0	1,536	234,420
Northwest Territory	0	807	286	347,292
Saskatchewan	0	0	320	238,215
Manitoba	0	1	222	4,895
Ontario	6	1	367	1,493
Quebec	1	0	256	3,013
Newfoundland	0	0	144	8,432
New Brunswick	0	0	238	291
Nova Scotia	5	1	248	246
Prince Edward Island	0	0	20	15
National Parks	0	0	88	197,904
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>6,324</b>	<b>3,104,002</b>

**\*\*\*Weekly reports will be given starting 9/9/04.\*\*\***

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	7	8		6	1	7			89	104
Northwest	6		11		1				4	
Northern California	20	38	28	126	2	13			116	303
Southern California	28	7	63	76	17	1	2		33	36
Northern Rockies				2	1					2
Eastern Great Basin	2		5		6				2	
Western Great Basin			5							
Southwest	1		2						1	
Rocky Mountain	1		18		2				2	
Eastern Area	1		5	3					34	7
Southern Area										
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>452</b>

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